

School-Home Connection • Lesson 11

Daily experiences are rich in information
and can be a source of important reflections.



Your child is reading “Jamaica Louise James” by Amy Hest and “A Lazy Thought” by Eve Merriam. This story and poem are about birthday gifts and growing up.

Words to Know

draw	minute	especially
picture	bought	sure
question	worry	

Reading Sentences Ask your child to read each sentence aloud to you and to say another sentence that could follow it.

- I have a **question** for you.
- Wait just a **minute**!
- Do not **worry** or feel sad.
- This treat is **especially** good.
- I am **sure** that I can **draw** a **picture**.



Read Together



Encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes outside of class each day. Look for these books at your local library.

- **Artist** by Heather Miller. Heinemann, 2003.
- **The Art Box** by Gail Gibbons. Holiday House, 1998
- **Micawber** by John Lithgow. Simon & Schuster, 2002.

Everyday Writing

Sentences Ask your child to complete this sentence: “When I grow up, I will . . .” Then have your child add more sentences about his or her plans or wishes. Your child may also draw a picture to show the grownup described in the sentences. Ask your child to read the completed sentences to you. Tell why you think the grownup your child has described would be interesting to meet.



Let's Talk About...

Gifts Use these discussion starters with your child to discuss “Jamaica Louise James.”

- Your child read a story about a girl who loves to draw. What might a person who loves to draw probably like to receive as a gift?
- In the story, a girl and her grandmother receive gifts for their birthday. What are other times to give gifts?
- This story is about a girl who makes an unusual birthday gift for her grandmother. What is special about a homemade gift?